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## Initial Proposal Pine Park Timber Permit 1/27/2020

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Missoula Unit is proposing to harvest timber on the following state-owned parcel:

## Section 6 T14N R22W

This section is located approximately 2.5 air miles east of Alberton, Montana in Mineral County.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Removed ponderosa pine that contain insects, disease, faded crowns, and/or poor form and vigor
- Maintain forest productivity
- Generate revenue for the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind

The proposal would harvest approximately 0.5 million board feet from up to 305 acres using a sanitation harvest prescription. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222 MCA.

Approximately ½ mile of reclaimed road would be reopened to access the project area. Road maintenance would take place on existing roads within the section as needed, to improve function and drainage of the road surface.

If unauthorized access occurs within the project area, roads and access points would be kelly-humped and made impassable.

The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes, acreages and road distances are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by February 25, 2020 to:

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